# Seasonal Weather Brief (Winter Hazards)

OL-A, 18th Weather Squadron Updated 30 Jan 03

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## DAAF Climatology

•	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR			
•	EXTRM M	IAX	<b>85</b>	77	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	88	
•	<b>AVG MAX</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>55</b>		
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### Davison Wx Watches

(Winter Time)

- Surface Wind GTE 50 knots (4 hour DLT)
- Freezing Precipitation (4 hour DLT)
- Heavy Snowfall (GTE 2 inches in 12 hours, 4 hour DLT)

### Davison Wx Warnings

(Winter Time)

- Heavy Snowfall (> 2 inches in 12 hours)
- Freezing Precipitation (Drizzle or Rain)
- Surface Wind (35 50 knots)
- Surface Wind (> 50 knots)
- Thunderstorms (average 1 per month)

### Davison Wx Advisories

(Winter Time)

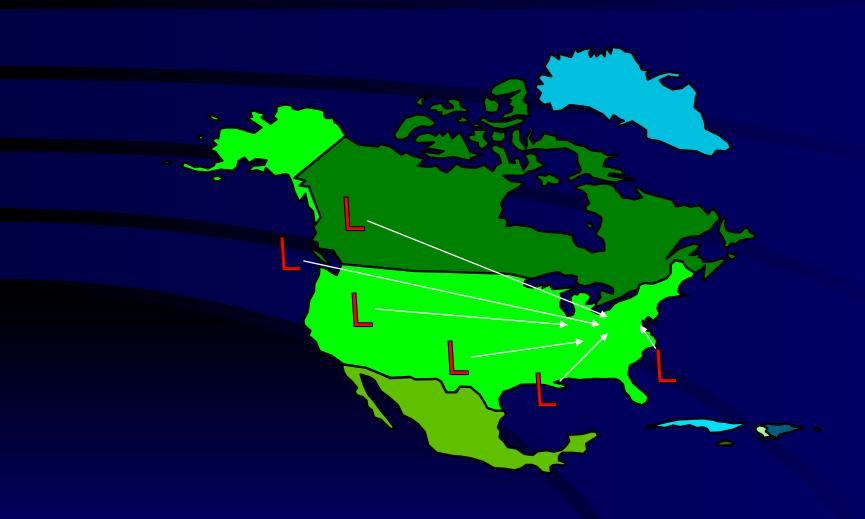
- Wind Chill (26F or less)
- Gust Spread (15 knots or greater)
- Crosswind (21 knots or greater)
- Surface Winds (30 knots or greater)
- (LFA) ICING (Below 10,000 feet)
- (LFA) LGT-MDT (or greater) below 10,000feet
- (LFA) Thunderstorms

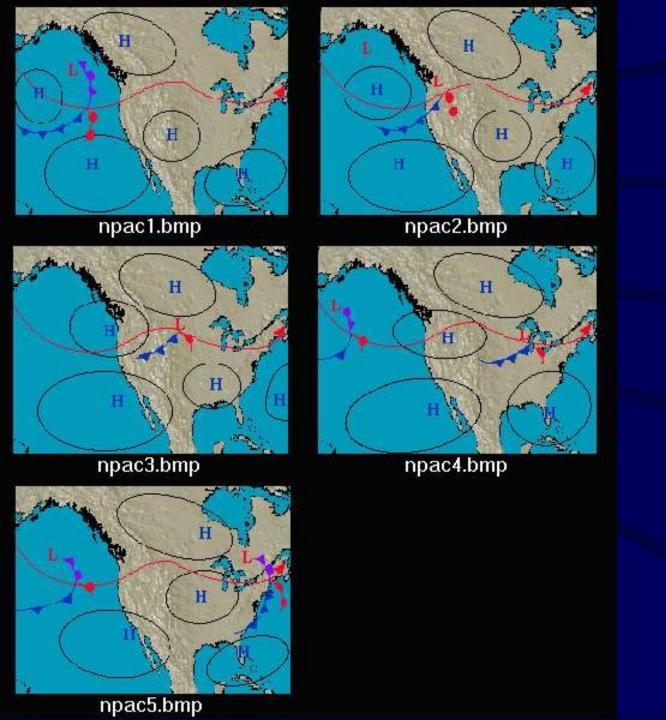
Winter weather is signaled by the development of the Icelandic Low which extends into eastern Canada. The Bermuda High retreats to the southeast and the Canadian High pressure takes a more southerly track, often dipping into the Continental US. Storm tracks migrate to the south and cold frontal passages become more numerous. The prevailing winds at the surfaceare determined by the frequency and intensity of anticyclones and cyclones which persist or move over the area. The domination of continental polar highs over North America bring a high percentage of cold northwaeterly winds to the area. The coldest weather occurs in late january and early February. The strongest winds are experienced in late winterand early spring, generally after a cold frontal passage when the low pressure off the New England coast intiensifies. Frontal passages during winter occur every 3 to 5 days. Behind the cold front, continental polar air is characterized by excellent flying conditions, for ceilings and visibility, but due to conditional instability and the gusty surface winds, turbulent conditions exist. The incidence of snowfall progressively increases from late November throught the winter with the peak snowfall month in February. The heaviest occurrence of snowfall is associated with lows that form in the Gulf of Mexico or in the Gulf Coastla states and move north-northeasterly along the Atlantic coast. Moisture is advected in from the Gulf Stream and spreads low ceilings, poor visibilities, and widespread precipitation throughout the area.

The middle Atlantic coast region is often caught in the transition zone

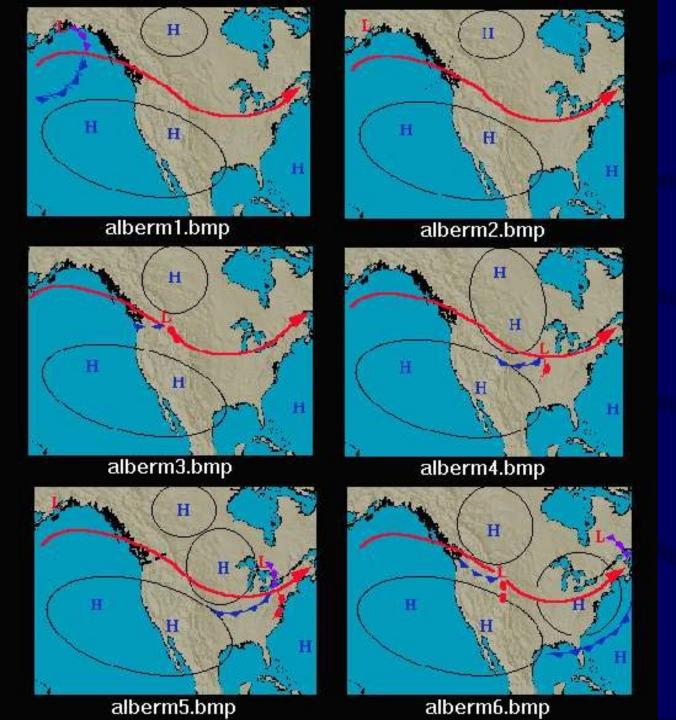
### Winter Weather Patterns

(Most common characteristic)

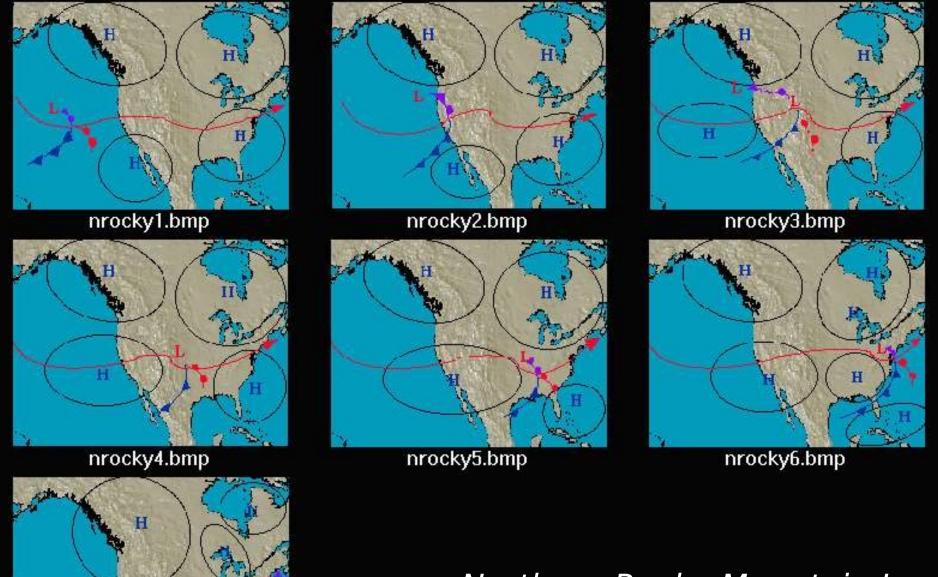




North pacific Low

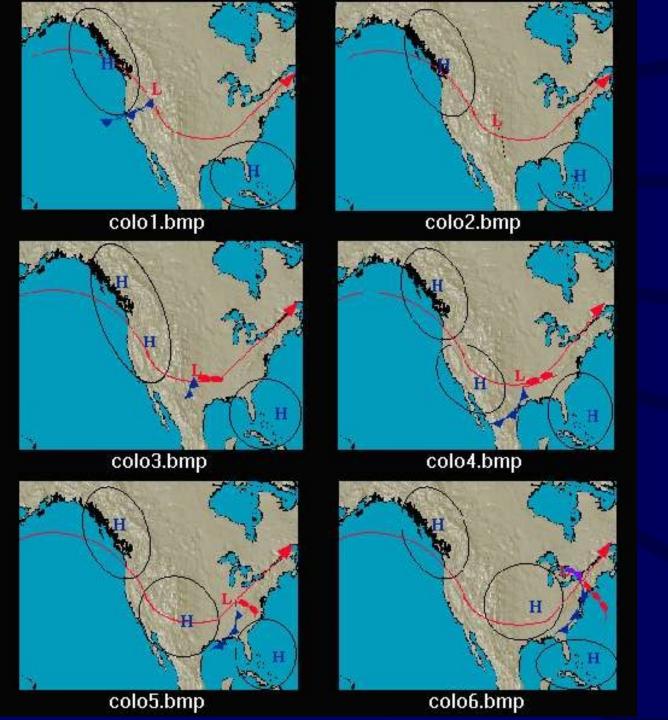


Alberta Low (Clipper)

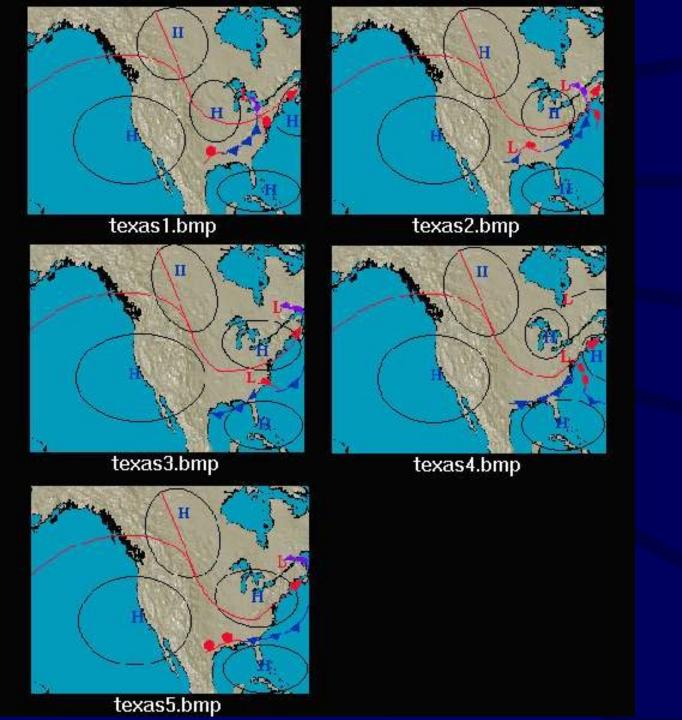


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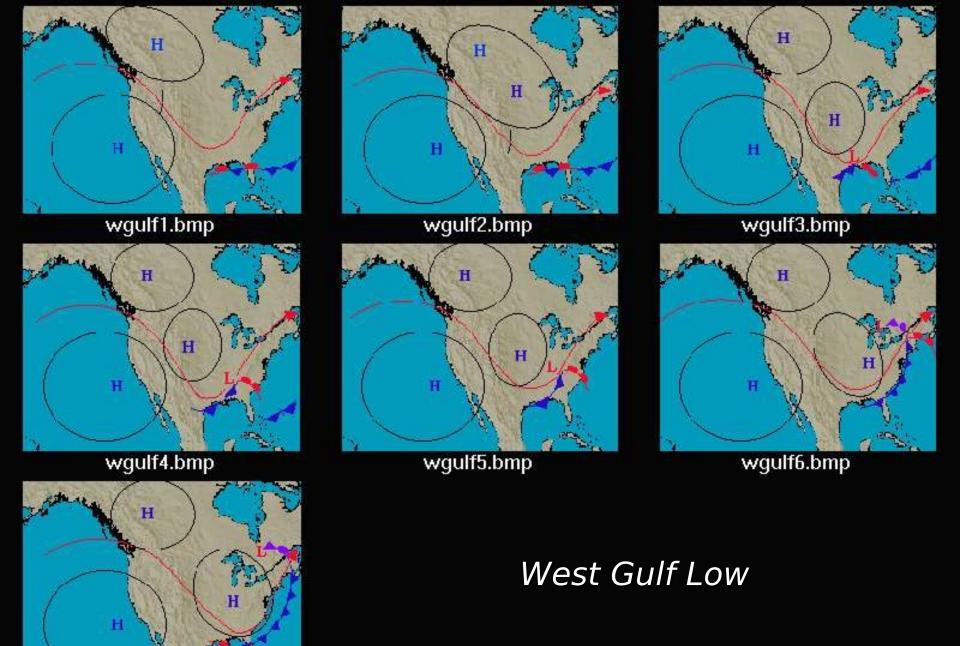
Northern Rocky Mountain Low



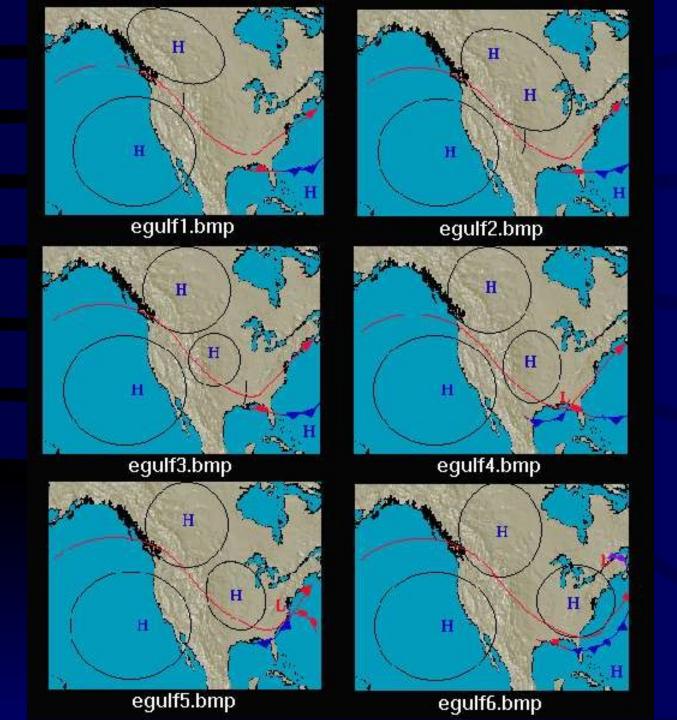
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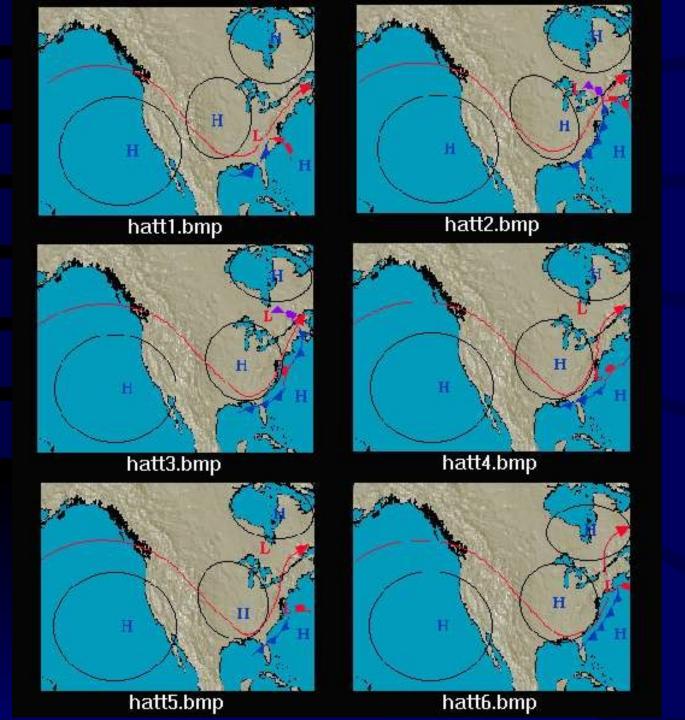
Texas Low



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East Gulf Low



Hatteras Low (S. Atlantic Low)

# Winter Precipitation Types

- Rain SFC > 40F, Warm Air Aloft
- MIXED SFC 35-40F, Cold Aloft
- SNOW SFC < 35F, Cold Aloft
- FREEZING RAIN SFC <33F, Warm Aloft

- Turbulence
  - Definitions
  - Types
  - Effects on aircraft (Fixed)

#### • Turbulence

Definition
IRREGULAR MOVEMENTS OF AIR IN THE ATMOSPHERE

#### Low Level Wind Shear

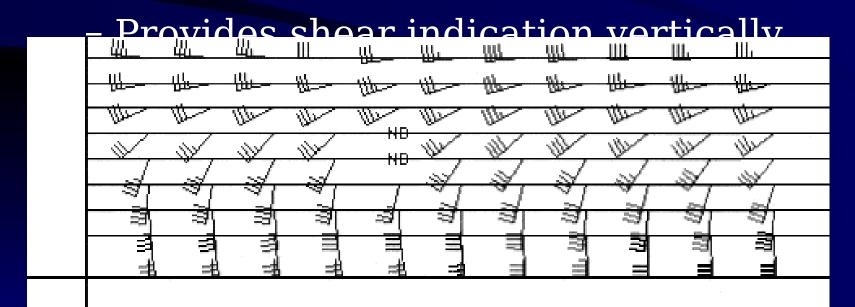
Wind shear is a change in wind direction, wind speed, or both, along a given direction in space. The strongest wind shears are associated with abrupt changes in wind direction and/or speed over a short distance.

level wind shear is particularly hazardous to aviation operations. It occurs so close to the surface that pilots often do not have enough time to

compensate for its effects. Wind shear is often associated with fronts, inversions, and thunderstorms

(Turbulence)

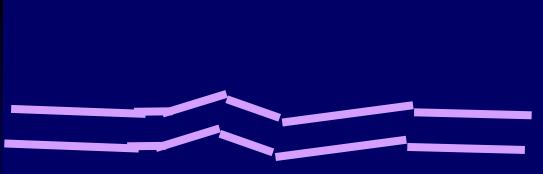
- VAD Wind Profile
  - Useful in keeping track of significant wind speed and direction change near the radar



## Seasonal Unique Hazards (Turbulence)

### Light Turbulence

- Small changes in the aircraft attitude and/or altitude
- Small variations in air speed of 5 to 14 knots
- Vertical gust velocity is 5 to 19 feet per second
- Horizontal wind change <25 kts/90 miles
- Vertical wind change 3 5 kts/1000'

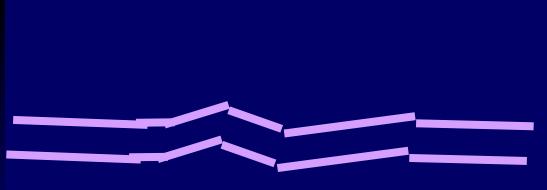


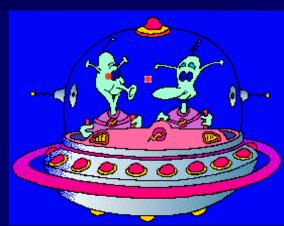


## Seasonal Unique Hazards (Turbulence)

#### Moderate Turbulence

- Moderate changes in the aircraft attitude and/or altitude
- Small variations in air speed of 15 to 24 knots
- Vertical gust velocity is 20 to 30 feet per second
- Horizontal wind change 25 49 kts/90mi
- Vertical wind change 6 9 kts/1000'





## Seasonal Unique Hazards (Turbulence)

#### Severe Turbulence

- Abrupt changes in attitude and/or altitude, Aircraft may be out of control for short periods of time
- Large variations in air speed  $\geq$  25 knots
- Vertical gust velocity is 36-49 feet per second
- Horizontal wind change 50 89 kts/90mi
- Vertical wind change 10 -15 kts/1000'





## Seasonal Unique Hazards (Turbulence)

#### Extreme Turbulence

- Aircraft is tossed violently about and is practically impossible to control
- Structural damage possible
- Large variations in air speed ≥ 25 knots
- Vertical gust velocity is  $\geq$  50 feet per second
- Horizontal wind change >90 kts/90nm
- Vertical wind change >15 kts/1000'

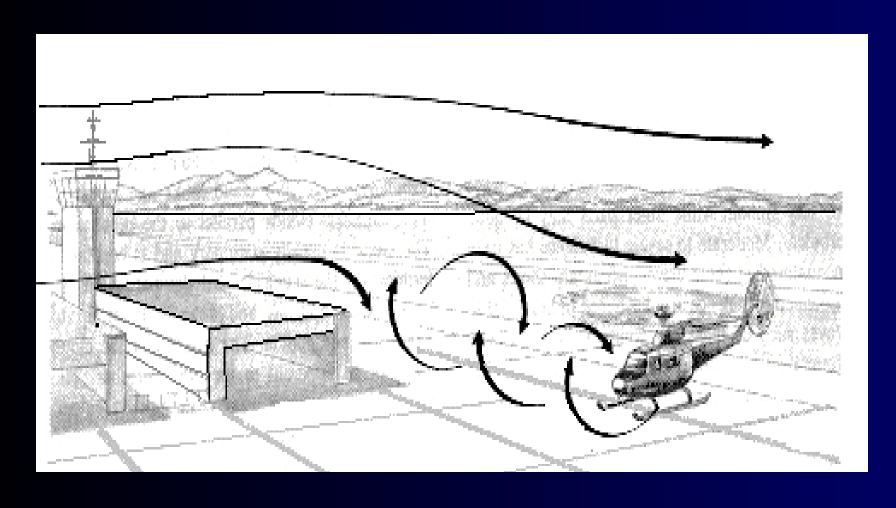




## Seasonal Unique Hazards (Turbulence)

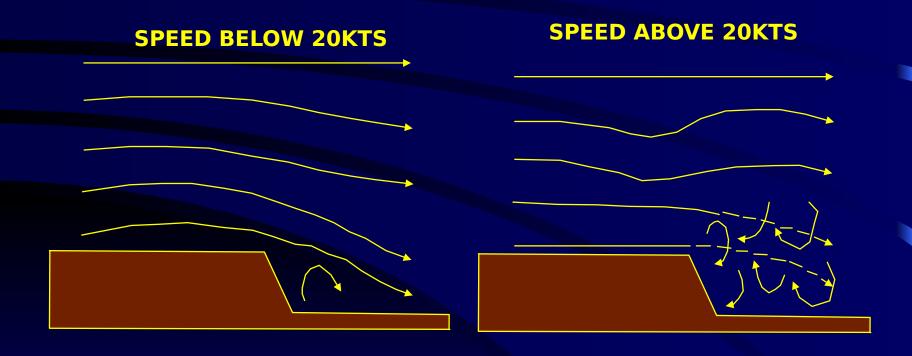
- Turbulence Categories
  - Convective or Thermal
    - Due primarily to surface heating
  - Mechanical (Most common in Winter for LFA)
    - Mechanical turbulence is caused by horizontal and vertical wind shear and is the result of pressure gradient differences, terrain obstructions, or frontal zone shear. There are three types of mechanical turbulence: Clear Air Turbulence (CAT), Mountain Wave (MV), and Wake Turbulence.

Turbulence (Mechanical)



### Mechanical Turbulence

Terrain effects on wind flow



### Wake Turbulence

#### Dissipation -

Atmospheric turbulence increases the dissipation of wake turbulence while ground effect and surface winds alter the low-level vortex characteristics only slightly. As the vortex sinks into the boundary layer, it begins to move laterally at about 5 knots. A crosswind will decrease the lateral movement of a vortex moving toward the wind and increase the movement of a vortex moving with the wind. This could hold one of the vorticies over the runway for an extended period or allow one to drift onto a parallel runway. Vorticies persist longer during inversions.

(Turbulence)

- Fixed Wing
  - Directly proportional to speed
  - Inversely proportional to weigh $\overline{\mathsf{t}}$
  - Directly proportional to the wing area

# Seasonal Unique Hazards (ICING)

#### Icing

General: **Structural** icing interferes with aircraft control by increasing drag and weight while decreasing lift. **Engine system** icing reduces the effective power of aircraft engines.



# Seasonal Unique Hazards (Types)

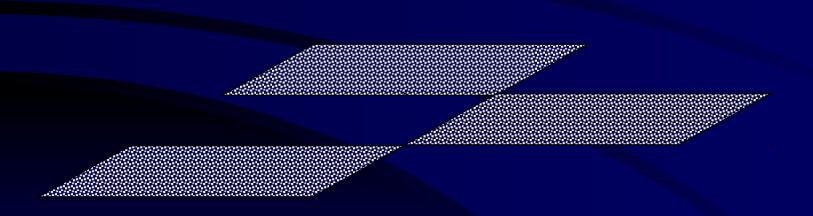
- Clear Ice -
  - A glossy, clear or translucent ice with a smooth surface
  - Formed by the relatively slow freezing of large supercooled water droplets
  - The most serious to aviation operations
    - Runs back along airframe to unprotected surfaces

# Seasonal Unique Hazards (Types)

- Rime Ice -
  - A milky, opaque and granular deposit of ice with a rough surface
  - Formed by the instantaneous freezing of small supercooled water droplets upon contact

# Seasonal Unique hazards (Types)

 Mixed Ice - A combination of clear and rime icing



# Seasonal Unique hazards (Types)

### Frost Icing -

- light, feathery deposit of ice crystals that forms when water vapor contacts a subfreezing surface.
- Frost can occur on an aircraft in flight, on the ground, and on the
- upper surfaces of parked aircraft during a clear night with
  - subfreezing temperatures.
- It also affects the aircraft's lift-to-drag ratio and can be hazardous during takeoff.

(Intensities)

Trace Icing -

- Ice perceptible
- Rate of accumulation is slow
- De-icing/anti-icing equipment is usually not needed
- Not generally hazardous unless encountered for an extended period (over one hour)

(Intensities)

### Light Icing

- Rate of accumulation may create a problem if over one hour
- Occasional use of de-icing/anti-icing equipment removes/prevents accumulation
- Usually not a problem if de-icing/anti-icing equipment is used

## Seasonal Unique Hazards

(Intensities)

### Moderate Icing

- Rate of accumulation such that even short encounters become potentially hazardous
- Use of de-icing/anti-icing equipment is necessary
- May have to divert

## Seasonal Unique Hazards

(Intensities)

#### Severe Icing

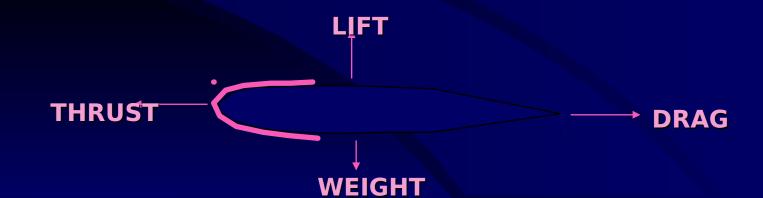
- Accumulation is such that de-icing/anti-icing fails to reduce or control the hazard
- Immediate diversion is necessary

- Induction Icing -
  - Aircraft are frequently subjected to icing of the power plant itself
  - Ice develops on air intakes under the same conditions favorable for structural icing.
  - Ice formation is most common in the air induction system but may also be found in the fuel system.
  - The main effect of induction icing is power loss due to its blocking of the air before it enters the engine.
  - On helicopters, a loss of manifold pressure concurrently with air intake screen icing may force the immediate landing of the aircraft.

- Air Intake Ducts -
  - In flights through clouds containing supercooled water droplets, air intake duct icing is similar to wing icing. However, the ducts may ice when the skies are clear and the temperatures are above freezing. During taxi, takeoff, and climb, reduced pressure exists in the intake system. This lowers the temperatures to the point that condensation and/or sublimation takes place, resulting in ice formation which decreases the radius of the duct opening and limits the air intake. Ice formed on these surfaces can later break free, causing potential foreign object damage to internal engine components.

- Carburetor Icing -
  - Carburetor icing is treacherous, and frequently causes complete engine failure. It may form under conditions in which structural ice could not possibly form. Carburetor icing occurs when moist air, drawn into the carburetor, is cooled to a dew point temperature less than 0C (frost point). Ice in the carburetor may partially or totally block the flow of the air/fuel mixture.
  - 1. When the relative humidity of the outside air being drawn into the carburetor is high, ice can form inside the carburetor (even in cloudless skies) when the temperature is as high as 22C or as low as –10C.
  - 2. The fact that carburetor icing can occur in temperatures well above 0C, may lead the pilot to potentially misdiagnose engine problems.

- How Icing Effects Aircraft
  - Increases drag
  - Decreases lift
  - Interferes with control surfaces
  - Increase in weight



- Freezing Precipitation Forecasting
  - Freezing Rain Severe Clear
  - Light Freezing Drizzle Moderate
     Clear
  - Moderate or Heavy Freezing Drizzle -Severe Clear

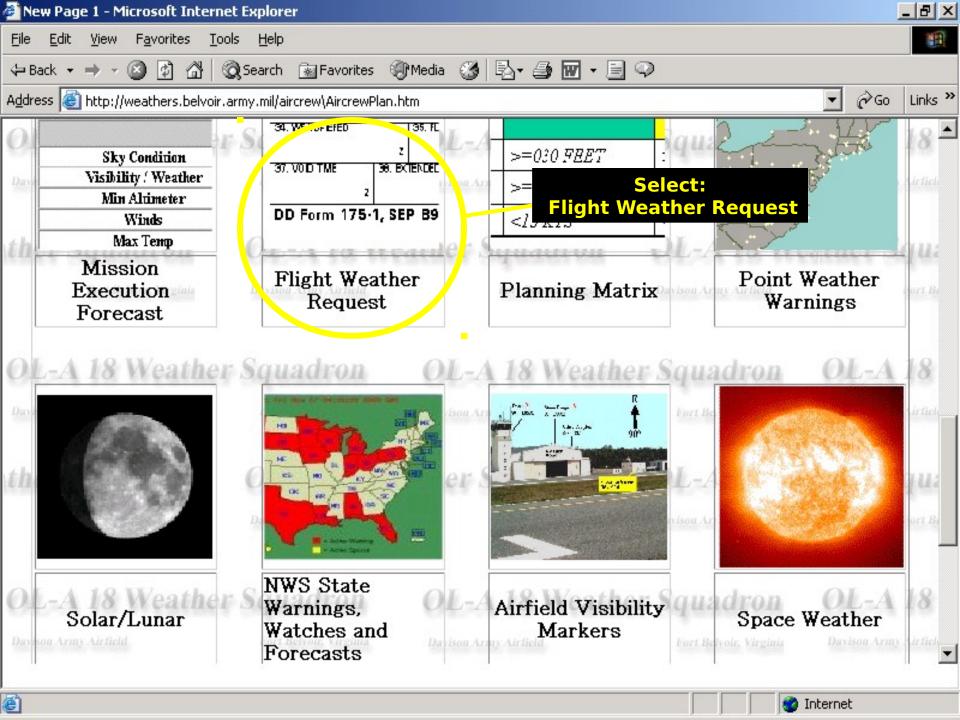
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- Winter Hours:
  - 0530L 2130L (M-F) CLOSED HOILDAYS \*Standby other times

Alternate briefing services (Scott AFB)
DSN 675-9755,
Fax DSN-4855,
Commercial 618-256-XXXX

### Weather Station Info

- Web services are available for pre-flight planning purposes at: http://weathers.belvoir.army.mil
  - Select Aircrew Page
  - Will be prompted for login/password. Contact the weather station if you do not have this information.
- 175-1 briefings can be requested online from the 15th OWS through this page during non duty hours.
- The following slides will instruct you on how to fill out these requests.



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## 15th Operational Weather Squadron Aircrew Meteorologist Forecast Funnel Local Weather Links Change AOR Feedback

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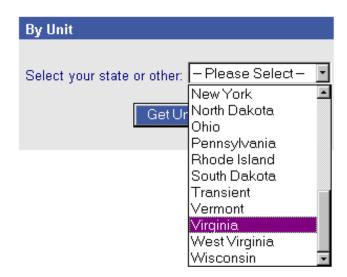
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# Fill out request and include all pertinent information. Be sure to include email address if the brief is to be emailed.

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Select brief time and primary delivery method.

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Submit Request

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Call Sign: Pat401

POC: LFI AM Shuttle

Brief Time: 2/5/2003 09:30Z

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## Space Weather Info

In addition to terrestrial weather, space weather plays a key role in the warfighters' ability to plan and conduct operations. Unlike terrestrial weather requirements, the operational needs of the warfighter (as they pertain to space weather) are not well documented, and may not be as well understood. To that end, the Air Force Weather Agency has taken many steps to provide products and training to better understand space weather and its potential effects on operations. Everything from GPS readings to HF communications and SATCOM may be effected during high solar activity.

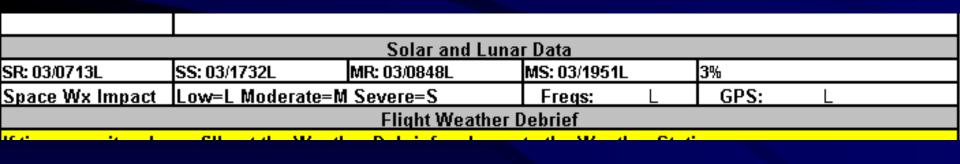
This will be a quick overview of the products OL-A, 18th WS, will provide on a routine basis. This overview will also include URL links to more in depth training material and available products currently in

use to support the warfighters. Specialized space weather support can be provided on request.

## Space Weather is now provided on the new DI Blocks 15 and 16.

PART II - ENROUTE & MISSION DATA															
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## Space Weather is also provided on the Mission Forecast (MEF) in the Solar and Lunar Data b



## Space Weather Info

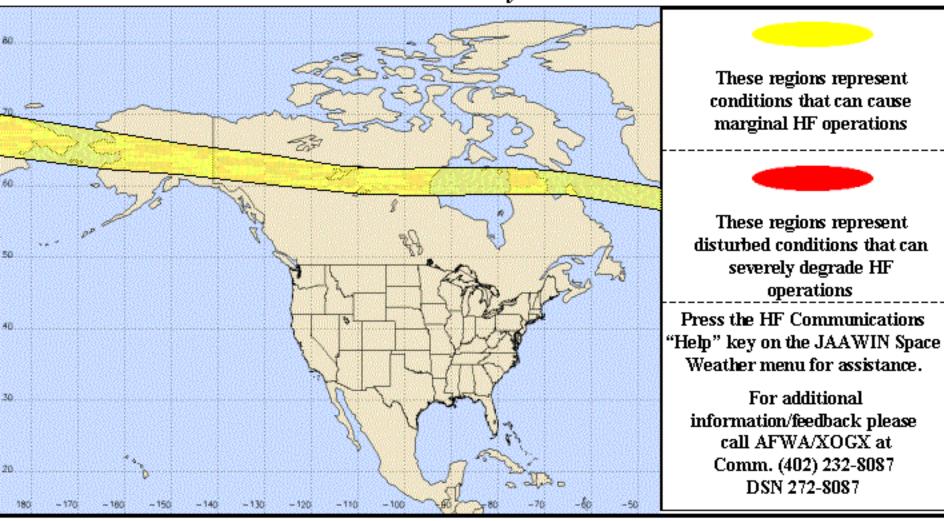
At this time we currently provide space weather informatic effects SATCOM (GPS, etc.) and HF Communications (free data used for these new blocks comes from products provides products may be obtained from AFWA's web site, or the MEF link on our Aircrew Page and selecting Daily Spainpact Graphics.

The following 3 slides will show you examples of the product. For detailed information on these products and add Weather training please download and read the Space Weather, which describes these products in detail, located a

http://weathers.belvoir.army.mil/aircrew/Primer.doc

#### Ionospheric Conditions Impacting High Frequency (HF) Communications and Other HF Operations

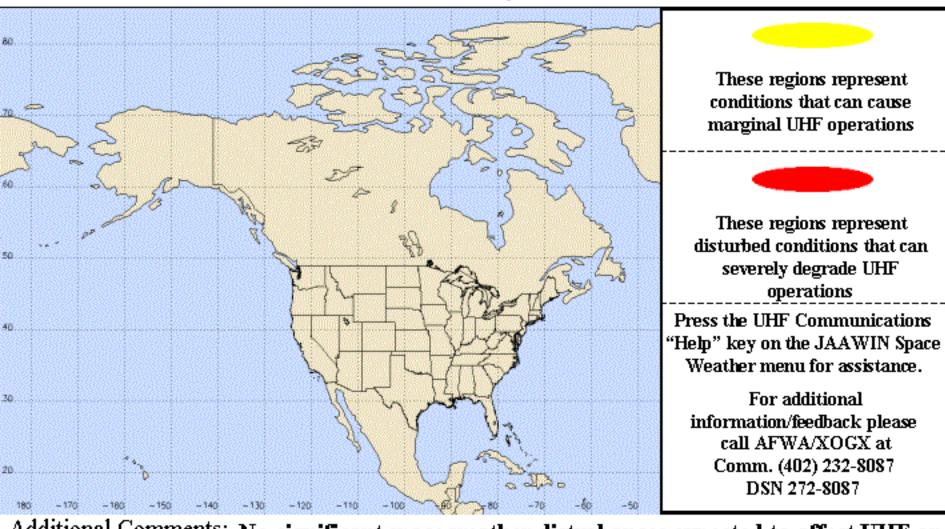
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Additional Comments:

#### Ionospheric Conditions Impacting UHF SATCOM Operations

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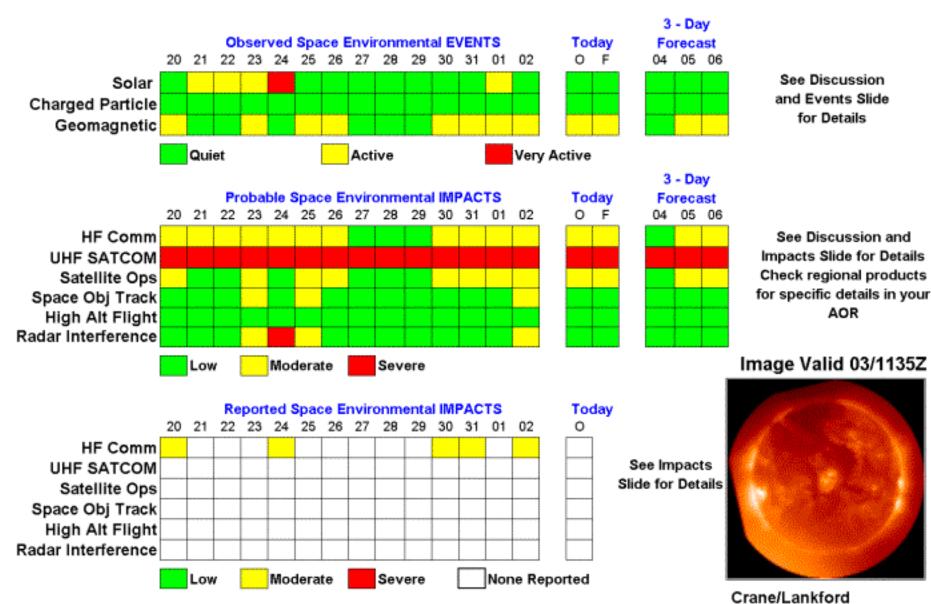


Additional Comments: No significant space weather disturbances expected to affect UHF or satellite communications.

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#### Space Environment Global Situational Awareness

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## Space Weather Info

Additional Space Weather Links

#### **Space Weather Training and Requirements Module**

(used for additional training and to help you determine if you have space weather requirements. This is where it all starts)

https://midway.peterson.af.mil/weather/module.html

#### **Air Force Weather Agency Training Division**

(This site covers all Air Force Weather training, but includes a good section on space weather.)

https://wwwmil.offutt.af.mil/afwadnt /Training\_Products/Space%20Weather/space\_weather.htm

#### Joint Air Force & Army Weather Information Network

(Main AFWA Space Weather page. Provides products, familiarization/training material, and links to other pertinent space weather sites.

https://www.afwin.afwa.af.mil/space.html

## What can you do to help



Please use the links below to fill out the completion form either

online or by printing a blank copy and faxing. Please follow

instructions outlined on the forms. If the blank form will not open

in your browser, you may obtain a copy by contacting